

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 169

By Travis

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Hershel and Deena Swafford on the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on February 2, 1963, Hershel and Deena Swafford were joined in holy matrimony, and since that fateful day this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Hershel was born on August 12, 1938, and Deena was born on September 29, 1941; and

WHEREAS, they met in Winter Haven, Florida, in 1962, and moved back to Tennessee in 1978; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Swafford have served with acumen and alacrity as the proud owners of Swafford Produce of Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, public-spirited citizens of the highest order, Hershel and Deena have both been active in their community; Deena is a former member of the School Board, former Chairman of the Bledsoe County Chamber of Commerce, and former Secretary of the 911 Board; and Hershel is a former Bledsoe County Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Swafford also enjoys fishing and playing golf; and

WHEREAS, Hershel and Deena have been highly respected citizens of Pikeville for many years; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced two children, Marty and Mark; four grandchildren, Danielle, Corey, Macy, and Liberty; and one great-grandchild, who is due to be born in May 2013; and

WHEREAS, for fifty years, this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Swaffords' are truly the foundation upon which our society is built and serve as a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Hershel and Deena Swafford on the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.